



Pest Detection and Management Programs

Plant Protection and Quarantine

Weekly Notice, April 8, 2004

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<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ep/reports/>

Asian Longhorned Beetle Critical Issues Report:

Two of the three treatment contracts were awarded this week in Illinois - Park Ridge and East Chicago. Both contracts were awarded to The Davey Tree Expert Company. Work is under way this week placing treatment notification flyers to all property owners within the designated treatment areas. Soil injection treatments are scheduled to begin in East Chicago on April 6, 2004. Trunk injection treatments are scheduled to begin in Park Ridge about April 15th.

Negotiations are still under way to award the treatment contracts in West Chicago, Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, Long Island and New Jersey.

The New York ALB Management Board will be meeting with Suffolk County officials on April 15, 2004 to request an "Exemption For Special Use" to apply ALB trunk injection treatments using Imidacloprid on Suffolk County Property.

Four Community Board Meetings (3 in Brooklyn and 1 in Queens) are scheduled in April to present and discuss the program's 2004 planned treatment operations.

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Emerald Ash Borer Report:

Michigan: On March 31, two larva in residential ash trees were confirmed as Emerald Ash Borer. This adds Branch County to the list of Michigan counties with interceptions of this pest.

Ohio: In order to eliminate host material for the pests, the Ohio Department of Agriculture is cutting and removing ash trees in response to EAB finds. They have begun cutting activity in the Hicksville area in Defiance County, where 1,400 trees are scheduled for removal, and also in the Columbus area, Franklin

County, where approximately 11,000 trees will be removed.

Maryland: Maryland has just completed ash tree removal activities at Ed's Plant World, site of the EAB regulatory incident in Prince Georges County. 917 ash trees were removed within the 1/2 mile of the nursery. Initial cost estimates for cutting, logging, and burning are \$50,000; additional costs for any landscape repair are pending due to weather conditions.

Canada: The ash tree cutting campaign to eliminate the emerald ash borer from southwestern Ontario wrapped up March 31, meeting a deadline just weeks ahead of the EAB's active season, according to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). The \$12 million project removed 84,000 trees in a zone roughly paralleling the western border of Chatham-Kent, eliminating the insect's food source between infested Essex County and the rest of the province.

The province has said it will offer some replanting in Chatham-Kent and contractors who have damaged property are required to fix it. Ottawa has refused to compensate property owners, some of whom now have denuded front yards or huge gaps in their woodlots. CFIA said inspectors will be doing surveys of trees in neighboring Lambton, Elgin and Middlesex counties. Campgrounds, parks and firewood vendors will be under specific scrutiny.

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